

# The Hong Kong Telegraph.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1881.

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## Shipping.

For SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.  
Taking through Cargo for Queensland  
Ports and New Zealand.

THE EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN  
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Hongkong, 28th September, 1881.

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Hongkong, September 26th, 1881.

## Intimations.

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ON and after SATURDAY, the 1st  
OCTOBER, the hour of departure  
of the *Powai* will be 5.20 p.m.  
from Hongkong and 5 p.m. from  
Canton.

By Order,  
P. A. DA COSTA,  
Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th September, 1881.

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## Intimations.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA  
DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

CONTRIBUTING SHARE-  
HOLDERS are requested to  
send in a Statement of Business con-  
tributed during the half-year ended  
30th June, 1881, on or before Sep-  
tember 30th, on which date the Ac-  
counts will be closed.

By Order of the Board of Directors  
R. COOKE,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, 30th August, 1881.

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HOUSE AND ESTATE  
AGENTS.  
RENTS COLLECTED.

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PRIME GENEVER in Stone Jars;  
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ING CAPS, SHOT and CARTRIDGE CASES  
in Sizes, &c., &c., &c.

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A FEW DOUBLE BARREL BREACH-LOAD-  
ING GUNS, 100 Loaded Cartridge-  
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Apply to

M. A.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" office,  
Hongkong, 24th June, 1881.

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PLUMBERS, GASFITTERS,  
COPPER-SMITHS, AND BRASS-  
FOUNDERS, OFFICE AND WAREHOUSE  
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Importers of WATCHES,  
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at moderate rates.

## Intimations.

V.  R.  
GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.  
No. 219.

## SALE OF THE OPIUM FARM.

Notice is hereby given, that TEN-  
DERS for the PRIVILEGE of PRE-  
PARING and SELLING PREPARED  
OPIUM within the Colony for the term  
of ONE, TWO, or THREE YEARS  
from the 1st of March, 1882, under  
the provisions of Ordinance No. 2 of  
1858, No. 1 of 1859, and No. 7 of  
1879, will be received at this Office  
until Noon on MONDAY, the 24th  
October, 1881.

Each Tender should specify the  
monthly payment offered for the period  
above-mentioned.

The Government does not bind itself  
to accept the highest or any Tender.

Should the highest Tender be less  
than the sum the Governor thinks a  
fair price for the Opium Farm, His  
Excellency in Council will grant Li-  
cences direct under Section 3 of the  
Ordinance, and take such further steps  
as may be necessary to realize a fair  
price.

By His Excellency's Command,  
M. S. TONNOCHY,  
Acting Colonial Secretary,  
Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Hongkong, 20th August, 1881.

## Chs. J. GAUPP & Co.

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LANGUAGE,

by Monsieur LOUIS PIRON, SEN.;  
SINGING (CULTURE OF THE VOICE)  
by Monsieur EUGENE PIRON, JUN.,  
44, Queen's Road.  
Hongkong, August 30th 1881.

## RECORD of AMERICAN and

FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

THE Undersigned have been ap-  
pointed AGENTS to the NEW  
YORK BOARD of UNDER-  
WRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.  
Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

LE CERCLE-TRANSPORTS.  
SOCIÉTÉ ANONYME D'ASSURANCE  
MARITIME MARSEILLE.

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are prepared to GRANT POLICIES  
on MARINE RISKS to all parts of  
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Hongkong, 15th June, 1881.

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Crown

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Full Music Score, with all the Words and Dialogue—Price \$1.50.

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KELLY & WALSH—QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1881.

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Hongkong, 20th September, 1881.

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H.E. THE GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG,

AND TO

H.I.H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

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ordered for a fixed period will be continued until  
countermanded.

THE  
**Hongkong Telegraph.**

HONGKONG, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1881.

The following remarks, elicited by  
His Excellency the Governor's speech  
on the now famous Census Returns,  
which appeared in a recent issue of  
the *London Daily Telegraph*, are  
worthy of special attention:—

Hongkong, it must be admitted, does  
not present any specially favourite  
field for the enterprise of either English  
people or Americans. There are cer-  
tainly no large fortunes to be made on  
the mass of granite rock at the mouth  
of the Canton river; and there may yet  
be elderly members of the Oriental and  
the "Service" clubs who have not  
ceased to lament that in 1841 we sur-  
rendered, in exchange for small and  
craggy Hongkong, the beautifully-  
wooded, fertile, and well-haroured  
Chusan group. We have done the best,  
however, with an acquisition which  
was nominally not very inviting; and  
the town of Victoria would appear to  
have benefited rather than suffered  
from the constant immigration of  
Chinamen from the mainland. Twenty  
years ago the population of the island  
did not exceed forty thousand of all  
races; but within the last four years  
and four months there has been an in-  
crease in the Chinese population alone  
of more than twenty thousand. The  
whites, in fact, but that the colony is  
garrisoned by British troops, might be  
in danger of being ousted by the Yellow  
Faces, whose investments in landed  
property far exceed those made by the  
"Red-haired Barbarians." While the  
total purchases of real estate by the  
Chinese between January, 1880, and  
July, 1881, were of the value of one  
million seven hundred and twenty-eight  
thousand dollars, the total purchases by  
"foreigners" amounted only to two  
hundred and thirty-eight thousand dol-  
lars. Sir John Hennessy holds, and  
demonstrates by very clear evidence,  
that the strong feeling of dislike felt for  
the Chinese in the United States and in  
Australia are not justified by their  
characteristics as exhibited in Hong-  
kong. His Excellency maintains that  
the Chinese are not only good traders,  
but also, as a rule, honest. The tes-  
timony of a leading American merchant  
at San Francisco is quoted to the effect  
that "the Chinese pay their debts ten  
times more promptly than our white  
men do." Another witness remarks,  
"I take no bond or security from them,"  
and a third attributes "the prosperity  
of the Chinese in San Francisco to  
their great commercial probity." To

this it may obviously be replied  
that in California above all other  
localities affected by emigrants  
from the Middle Kingdom, there are  
Chinamen and Chinamen. There are  
established in San Francisco a large  
number of Chinese mercantile firms of  
solid substance and high respectability.  
Many of the partners in these firms  
bring their wives and families with  
them, and they form a refined and  
estimable colony in the Golden City,  
looking up to, as their chief, the Chi-  
nese Consul-General, who is a man-  
darin of superior rank. Chinese ship-  
keepers of great wealth and unim-  
peachable integrity, are also numerous  
in the Chinese quarter of the town.  
But these merchants and traders  
mingle only in business with the whites.  
They are rarely visible out of their  
counting houses or their stores, and it  
is easy to understand the bank man-  
agers, shipping agents, and dry-goods  
brokers should, on the whole, prefer  
to do business with some person or  
persons who, although they may be  
infidels and have complexions of the  
hue of old parchment, are scrupulous  
in meeting their engagements and  
taking up their bills, rather than con-  
fine their transactions exclusively to  
Anglo-American houses whose princi-  
pals, albeit admirable as husbands and  
fathers, and estimable as politicians,  
advocates of total abstinence and mem-  
bers of the First Methodist Church,  
are occasionally apt to "burst," and to  
pay their creditors a maximum dividend  
of seven and a half cents in the dollar.  
On the other hand, it is not with the  
representatives of Chinese mercantile  
firms of a high class that the section of  
Americans, and especially of Irish  
Americans in California, who most  
virulently loathe the "Heathen Chi-  
nese," habitually come in contact. The  
typical "John Chinaman," who is hated,  
scorned, at, abused, outraged, and oc-  
casionally murdered, by the population  
of El Dorado, is the typical repre-  
sentative of that abomination of the Amer-  
ican working man—cheap labour.

The American, or, rather, the Irish  
immigrant, demands even for his un-  
skilled labour wages amounting to at  
least a dollar a day, and he requires  
such a prodigious amount of bread and  
meat for his sustenance, and such un-  
wieldy quantities of whisky and tobacco  
for his diversion, that even a dollar a  
day is barely sufficient for his needs.  
If he marries he has, in most cases, a  
very large family. Lodgings are dear,  
wearing apparel is dearer, and the few  
cents which may remain to the work-  
ing man after what he considers the  
necessaries of life have been paid for  
are imperiously demanded as "assess-  
ments" by the wire-pullers of the po-  
litical organisation to which he belongs.

Taking the "Western" working-man  
in his humblest capacity as a mere  
digger of canals, a deliver of railways,  
and a carrier of bolts of bricks, and  
even considering him as a skilled work-  
man or handicraftsman, earning larger  
wages, but wanting more meat and  
bread, more whisky and tobacco, better  
lodgings, better clothes, and paying  
higher assessments to his political  
organisation, it is easy to imagine his  
exasperation when he finds the labour  
field and the workshop invaded by  
hordes of smooth, smiling, pig-tailed  
aliens, willing to undertake the hardest  
and most repulsive of toil at a reduction  
of at least 30 per cent. of the minimum  
demanded by the native Californian or  
by the bog-brotter just from Erin's ver-  
dant shores. It would be bad enough,  
the foes of John Chinaman declare,  
if it was only as a day labourer he  
competed with the white man; but his  
perseverance, his energy, and his  
industry open to him almost every  
department of production and man-  
ufacture. He works skilfully, expen-  
ditiously, and cheaply; and white man-  
ufacturers although they may out-  
wardly profess to dislike the Chinaman  
and to deprecate his toleration in the  
midst of white Christians, is secretly  
glad to avail himself of the services of  
a handy, diligent, and expert fellow,  
who can be utilised as a cook, a waiter,  
a valet, and a substitute for a cham-  
bermaid; who can wash and iron, who  
can hem pocket-handkerchiefs, make  
ladies' corsets and children's pinafores,  
paint signs, engrave brass plates,  
"silk" piano-fortes, fabricate banjos,  
roll cigars and cigarettes; toil at felt  
hat, boot and shoe, glove and mitten,  
walking stick and whip making; and  
at scores more crafts of skill as well as  
strength to which white workmen have

served long apprenticeships. The  
Chinaman brings his dexterity and even  
his tools from across the ocean. He  
brings his very food with him, or buys  
that food from storekeepers of his own  
race, and in his own quarter in San  
Francisco, and he lives on scraps of  
imported nastiness which, in most cases,  
would excite nausea in the white man's  
stomach. He does not bring his woman-  
kind with him, but there come in his  
train a lamentable army of the Chinese  
courtesan, imported by Chinese panders  
who are bought and sold like sheep, and  
treated like slaves and bond-servants.  
Finally, John Chinaman, in California,  
can live anywhere, and he seems to  
prefer that which may be qualified as  
an annexe to a pig-sty to a decent and  
comfortable dwelling. There he wall-  
ows, and there, when his day's toil is  
over, he huddles himself into the ecstasie  
stage of opium smoking. In blood, in  
religion, in all social customs and obser-  
vances, he is an alien; and the "hood-  
lum" population of San Francisco  
evince their dislike for John Chinaman  
by kicking and beating him, hauling  
him along by his pigtail, and occasion-  
ally throwing him off sidewalks and  
into ponds. He does not appear to be  
very much more cordially regarded in  
Australia; but in Hongkong, where  
he far outnumbers the whites, he be-  
haves himself properly, and, by all  
accounts, prospers exceedingly. Pos-  
sibly the presence of a strong Govern-  
ment, backed by an adequate force of  
military and police, the equal justice  
meted out to all who are covered by  
the four corners of the British flag, and  
the insistence by the authorities on the  
adoption of proper measures of sanitation,  
may have had something to do in  
our settlement at the mouth of the  
Canton river with bringing about the  
encouraging state of things so graphi-  
cally described by Sir John Pope Hen-  
nessy.

We have much pleasure in intimat-  
ing to our subscribers and the public  
generally that on and after the 1st  
of January, 1882, the *Hongkong Tele-  
graph* will be published in a much  
enlarged and greatly improved form.  
Arrangements have now been com-  
pleted with an eminent London firm,  
for a first-class newspaper plant,  
complete in every detail, with a  
machine capable of turning out 1,500  
copies per hour, which will enable  
us to offer to the public of Hong-  
kong and the Coast Ports of China  
and Japan, a newspaper, equal in  
every respect, to the best journals in  
the Far East. The paper used for  
the new issue of the *Telegraph* will  
be superior to that of any newspaper  
at present published in the East;  
and with our improved appliances  
we shall be enabled to publish daily at  
one o'clock. In heartily thanking the  
public for their support of a "rag,"  
which, according to the disinterested  
opinions of our knowing local rivals  
was to exist, for three weeks only,  
we now beg most respectfully to so-  
licit a continuance of their patron-  
age. In the future as in the past we  
shall always maintain a thoroughly  
independent position, and fearlessly  
speak our mind whenever the public  
interests are imperilled. As a stanch  
representative of public opinion, we  
hope to receive and deserve the suf-  
frages of the entire community.

We need not dwell on the diffi-  
culties we have had to encounter in  
our endeavours to establish this  
journal on a permanent basis, as the  
public know the whole story right  
well, and as we have achieved suc-  
cess in spite of all factious opposi-  
tion.

**LOCAL AND GENERAL.**

According to the *Shanghai Mercury*  
the Dai Coal Mine at Saghalien is about  
worked out. Merchant steamers can-  
not receive any more supplies.

We observe from a report of the  
steamship *Sin-Nan-ning* in the *N. C.*  
*Daily News* that the French and Ger-  
man squadrons were at Chefoo on the  
21st instant.

Notice to Mariners.—The Rees Rock  
Beacon, Min River, was carried away  
on the 10th, during the typhoon. The  
Customs will replace it as soon as  
possible.—*Mercury*.

Shareholders of the Union Insurance  
Society of Canton are reminded that  
the Annual General Meeting will take  
place at the Society's Office, No. 12,  
Praya, at three o'clock this afternoon.

We learn from H. E. the German  
Minister, that the Supplementary  
Treaty between Germany and China,  
details of which have already been pub-  
lished, was duly ratified at Peking on  
the 16th inst.

Messrs. Siemssen & Co's steamer  
*Yangtze* went over to Kowloon Docks  
this morning to take in her new bil-  
lers, and undergo other repairs. It is  
expected she will remain at Kowloon  
for about six weeks.

We note the arrival of the British  
steamer *Mary Tatham* from Newport,  
England. She brings a cargo of rail-  
way iron for Messrs Jardine, Matheson  
& Co. Are we justified in believing that  
"coming events cast their shadows  
before?"

We are informed by the Agent of  
the P.M.S.S. Co that the steamship  
*City of Peking* with San Francisco mails  
of September 26th left Yokohama for  
this port yesterday, and may be expected  
to arrive here on or about the 6th  
October.

We have been requested to state that  
commencing with Sunday next the  
military services at St. John's Cathed-  
ral and St. Joseph's Church will be  
held at 9 a.m. instead of at 8 a.m., as  
in the summer months. The evening  
services at St. Joseph's will be held at  
half-past five.

The Siamese barque *Bat Cava* will  
be hauled up on the Patent Slip at  
Belcher's Bay tomorrow. This craft  
will be known in future as the last  
vessel ever "slipped" at West Point,  
arrangements having been completed  
to remove the Slip to Kowloon at an  
early date.

The following telegram has been re-  
ceived by H. E. the Administrator:—  
The Director of the Observatory, Man-  
ila, 30th September, 1881, 7.35 a.m.:—

"A typhoon is coming from the E. of  
Canton; its direction seems to be  
W.N.W. its inclination is not yet  
known. I advise in time because I  
am afraid of the interruption of the  
lines."

The members of the Government  
and Volunteer Fire Brigades turned  
out for practice on Praya West yester-  
day afternoon. The muster was a  
fairly large one, and the men under  
the direction of Superintendents Mc-  
Ewen and Carvalho went through  
their work in a very workmanlike  
fashion. No. 1 Engine was stationed  
at the Harbour Master's office from  
whence two lines of hose were run up  
to Gap Street. No. 2 Engine was pos-  
ted near the P. & O. Co's Wharf and  
fed No. 3 Engine which in its turn fed  
the hand engines at the Tung Hing  
Theatre. The practice was marked  
throughout by the excellent manner in  
which the firemen carried out their  
orders, and the celerity displayed in  
the various movements. Everything  
was as regular as could be wished, and  
evidenced the care and interest display-  
ed in their work by all present.

We hear that our esteemed contem-  
porary the *China Mail* has ceased to  
subscribe to the valuable institution  
known as Reuter's Telegrams. The  
*Daily Press* will therefore have the sole  
right of supplying the colony with  
latest telegrams from home under the  
old familiar heading. About a week  
ago our evening contemporary was  
blowing its own trumpet to some tune  
about the enterprise displayed by the  
local press in having such an efficient  
staff of short hand reporters, &c., &c.  
The boasted enterprise of the *Mail*,  
however, stops short at the fifteen dol-  
lars per month which Reuter charges  
for the privilege of publishing under  
official auspices those interesting, if  
somewhat vague, telegraphic messages  
which for months past have been the  
evening paper's principal, we might  
almost say sole attraction. Fifteen  
dollars per month appear to constitute  
a sufficient reason for our contempo-  
rary's desertion of those aristocratic and  
conservative traditions, which for so  
many years have been its most distin-  
guishing characteristic. What will the  
admirers of the *Mail's* enterprise say  
now?

**FOOCHOW.**

It is reported that the case of Pan-  
koe versus Hodgson will be taken, upon  
appeal, to Her Majesty's Privy Coun-  
cil.

On *dit* that the Fohkien Winter  
Race Meeting will be held on the 15th,  
16th and 17th of December, and that  
training will commence on the 10th  
proximo.

The new Governor is expected to  
return from Formosa shortly, owing  
to the anticipated departure of H.  
E. the Viceroy upon his Provincial  
tour.

We learn that during the time the  
Brick Tea Factory of Messrs. Piat-  
koff, Malchanoff and Co. was on fire,  
the mob plundered the premises of  
Messrs. P. A. Ponomareff & Co.,  
which were in close proximity to the  
former.

While on the subject of freights we  
hear that the two leading foreign  
steamer lines to the north are "com-  
peting" in a manner that must be highly  
gratifying to those who are engaged in  
the shipping trade of those parts;  
possibly more so than to the shirehold-  
ers in the vessels. The suicidal auto-  
nism has reduced the rates from  
Shanghai to Tientsin from Tls. 8 to  
Tls. 1.50 per ton for Bale goods.

We learn upon good authority that  
upon the representation of the Impe-  
rial Censor at Peking, orders have  
emanated from the Imperial Throne  
directing H. E. the Viceroy to institute  
strict enquiries into certain alleged  
disgraceful conduct of several of the  
High Officials at this port. Amongst  
those enumerated, are the names of  
Yeh Taotai, Sheng Taotai, Weng the  
Salt Commissioner, and Ch'u an ex-  
pectant Taotai; together with five  
other officials whose names we have  
been unable to ascertain. It appears  
that the accusations against these  
officers have been made by the literati  
and gentry of this port, to the Imperial  
Censor who memorialized the throne to  
that effect. We do not know whether  
the "launch" question has anything  
to do with the enquiries to be instituted,  
although, *on dit*, such is the fact.—  
*Foochow Herald*.

**GREAT FIRE AT FOOCHOW.**

We regret to record the total destruc-  
tion by fire of Messrs. Piatkoff, Mol-  
chanoff & Co's Brick Tea Manufactory  
at Hsi Ching (commonly known in  
Foochow as Si Kun) in the Kien Ning  
district, about 22 miles from the Pre-  
fecture of Kienning, at nine o'clock on  
the night of the 14th instant, and the  
loss is estimated at over fifty thousand  
dollars. When the fire broke out, the  
Manager of the factory requested the  
Chinese who were employed by the  
firm, to render assistance towards  
checking the progress of the flames,  
but this they distinctly refused to do,  
merely removing their own effects and  
leaving the edifice and surrounding  
buildings to the mercy of the fiery ele-  
ment. Aid, however, was not long  
coming in the person of the manager  
of Messrs. Tokmakoff, Shevaleff & Co.'s  
factory with a number of his employes,  
who were stationed at that firm's Brick  
Tea factory a little way from the place  
which was on fire. This aid notwith-  
standing its timely arrival, was debar-  
red from being of any use, through the  
Chinese mob, which had congregated  
around the scene of the conflagration,  
driving the men away and preventing  
their doing any good, shouting at the  
same time, "Let the foreign devils and  
their property all burn." The flames  
had by this time gained complete mas-  
tery over the building, which has now  
become a total loss. Regarding the  
origin of the fire, it is strongly suspec-  
ted that the same was the work of an  
incendiary, as the flames originated in  
a portion of the building where access  
was denied, and where no one had any  
business to go. The sum of seven  
thousand dollars in hard cash was  
stolen during the fire, and is not in-  
cluded in the estimated loss referred to  
above.—*Foochow Herald*.

The ultimate effect of marriage upon  
man is to make all women appear  
lovely except her he has married.  
The couples who want children have  
already grown apart, and hope to be  
re-united through the offspring.  
The brightest idea we can have of  
heaven comes from thinking that there  
is neither marriage nor giving in mar-  
riage.



## LATE INDIAN NEWS.

The following Indian telegrams were crushed out yesterday:—

Simla, 26th August.—The Secretary of State has sanctioned the recommendation of the Government of India to raise the Punjab University College to the status of a University by the legislation necessary to effect this desirable measure. The Governor-General is pleased to sanction the extension of the Bronze decoration given in commemoration of the march from Kabul to Kandahar in August, 1880, to the troops which then composed the garrison at Khatlat-Ghilzai and accompanied the force under General Roberts from that place to Kandahar.

Gauhati, 25th August.—Another Comet was seen here last night at 7 o'clock. It is very bright, and with a long tail. The position is North West, West of the Great Bear. It was visible up till ten o'clock.

Calcutta, 31st August.—Lord William B. B. succeeds Colonel White as Military Secretary when the latter vacates his post.

Quetta, 24th August.—Strong reinforcements from Kabul under Sirdar Mohamed Aziz Khan, consisting of Cavalry, Infantry and Artillery, reached Khatlat-Ghilzai on the 18th, and it is reported that the Amir with more troops is following. Ayub still continues to send arms, stores, and money to Herat. The Durani Horse have not yet assembled to join him at his request, and his Kabul troops are still very discontented.

Lahore, 26th August.—News from Quetta, published here in the *Civil and Military Gazette*, is that the Amir's advance guard has reached Kelat, and the Amir is following close behind.

Report is again current that Mr. Aitchison succeeds Mr. Egerton as Lieutenant-Governor of the Punjab.

Simla, 25th August.—It is reported from Kandahar that Ayub with his army was expected to march on the 28th. Sardip Mir Mohammed, with Cavalry, is on the march forward towards Khatlat-Ghilzai. The principal Chief of the Lotak Ghilzais has come to Kandahar.

Simla, 29th August.—A letter dated the 23rd, received at Chaman says that Sirdar Aziz Khan with his force had halted by the Amir's order at Shahjui. The Amir himself with infantry, cavalry, guns, and some irregulars, was expected to reach Khatlat-Ghilzai on the 20th, but it seems improbable that he will arrive so soon. It is said that a force under Mohamed Kudas Khan is making a counter movement on Herat. The report is repeated, but requires confirmation that Ayub intended marching on the 28th, leaving Sirdar Hashim Khan in charge of Kandahar.

Simla, 31st August.—Letters from Kandahar received at Chaman on 30th say that Ayub marched on or about the first of September, taking with him seven weak regiments leaving two disarmed Kabul regiments in Kandahar. All the Chiefs of importance are ordered to accompany him. Sirdar Nur Mahomed commands the tribal horse; the merchants and cultivators are said to be discontented with Ayub's Government.

News received from Kelat dated 23rd August, states that Aziz Khan with his force has halted at Shahjui for facility of supplies. The Amir with Infantry, Militia Cavalry, and guns was at Beh or Mashaki. Letters received from the Amir's camp at Pul Maidan, dated the fifteenth August, show he was pushing on by daily marches, and hoped to reach Gazi on the nineteenth. The Amir's advance is stated to have caused a marked change in his favour through the country.

It is reported at Khatlat-Ghilzai that reinforcements from Kabul had arrived at Shahjui, and the Amir had reached Mashukki with a large force and was expected at Khatlat-Ghilzai on the 29th. Ayub with seven regiments is still encamped outside of Kandahar, it was not known when he intends marching.

The following additional items are taken from the current number of the *London and China Express*:—

We hear that the Keelung Coal Mines, which are now under the Foochow Arsenal authorities, are prospering very well, the output being between 50,000 and 60,000 tons per annum. This amount could be doubled,

however, were there a sufficiency of labour. There are now two collieries, and hopes are entertained that more will be opened and the business increased ere long. Gas is now made on the spot for the purpose of lighting the works, and it is anticipated to soon manufacture patent fuel and fire bricks.

The Peninsular and Oriental Steam Navigation Company announce that, commencing with the departure of the steamship *Rama*, on October 4th, passengers will be embarked on board the Company's steamers at Gravesend instead of at Southampton, as heretofore. Arrangements have been made with the London, Tilbury, and Southend Railway Company for the despatch of a special train from the Liverpool-street station of the Great Eastern Railway at 11 a.m. every Tuesday. Passengers will be conveyed from this station to Tilbury, and thence to the Company's vessels in a commodious river steamer. The usual regulations as to baggage, &c., are in force as heretofore. Up to the end of the year the Company's steamers will call at Southampton on the homeward voyage to land passengers. From the commencement of 1882 they will call at Plymouth, homewards only. On the homeward voyage passengers who come to London will not disembark at Gravesend, but will be conveyed on to the Royal Albert Dock, from whence there is frequent train accommodation to London.

The King of the Sandwich Islands and his suite were present at a ball-fight at Lisbon on the 22nd instant, and left the same day for Madrid and Paris. The King was much pleased with his stay in Lisbon, and was everywhere well received. King Kalakana has received from the King of Portugal the Grand Cross of the Order Villa Vicosa. The *Gazette* notifies that Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to approve of Mr. John M. Forbes as Consul for Hongkong, to reside at Victoria, for his Majesty the King of Sweden and Norway; and of Mr. Tso Ping-lung as Consul at Singapore for his Majesty the Emperor of China.

We understand that arrangements for the revision of the Japanese Treaties will be sufficiently forward to allow of the departure of Sir Harry Parkes, H.B.M. Minister in Japan, in the month of October.

With reference to the proposed Exhibition in Shanghai in 1883, we understand that although matters are being pushed at home, no decisive steps have as yet been taken.

Mr. A. M. Arthur has given notice in the House of Commons that on an early day next Session he will call attention to the subject of domestic slavery in Hongkong.

We understand that Lady W. de W. has booked her passage to Shanghai by the Messageries Maritimes steamer *Yuefong* to rejoin her husband, Sir Thomas Wade, at Peking.

## LATEST COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

Friday, September 30th, 1881.  
One o'clock P.M.

To-day being settling day the whole attention of the members of the Stock Exchange has been entirely devoted to that important duty. We have consequently very little in the shape of business to report. Chinese Insurance shares are rather firmer than when we last wrote, buyers offering to deal at 300. A few Docks were sold yesterday afternoon at 41 per cent. premium, and they are still on offer at that rate. Sugars are weaker, and holders would be glad to sell at 160, but no business has resulted so far as we have heard. Steamboats are quiet at 25 per share premium, and Banks and Hotels remain at annexed nominal quotations. Although the Annual Meeting of the shareholders will be held this afternoon, the stock of the Union Insurance Society of Canton has not been mentioned in the share market for some considerable time.

## Shares.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Shares—112 per cent. premium, Sellers.  
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$1,675 per share ex dividend.  
China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,600 per share.  
North China Insurance Company—Tls. 1,125 per share.  
Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 830 per share.

Chinese Insurance Company, —\$300 per share, Buyers.  
On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 150 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company Shares—\$977 per share, Sellers.  
China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$285 per share, Sellers.

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—41% premium, Sellers.

Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Company's Shares—\$25 per share premium, Sellers.

China Coast Steam Navigation Company—Tls. 162 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$85 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$113 per share, Sales.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$160 per share, Sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—3 per cent premium.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$127½ per share, Sellers.

Hongkong & China Bakery Company Limited—\$50 per share.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1878—1½% premium, Ex Int.

Chinese Imperial Government Loan of 1881—3½% premium.

## Exchange.

On LONDON,—  
Bank Bills, T.T., ..... 3/8½  
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight, 3/8½  
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight, 3/9  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 3/9½  
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight, ..... 3/9½

On PARIS,—  
Bank Bills, on demand, ..... 4.66  
Credits, at 4 months' sight, ... 4.78

On BOMBAY,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 223

On CALCUTTA,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 223

On SHANGHAI,—  
Bank, T.T., ..... 72½  
Private, 30 days' sight, ..... 73½

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

## ARRIVALS.

Sept. 29, *Kestrel*, British gunboat, 610, W. M. Lung, Canton 28th Sept.

Sept. 29, *Shelbruck*, British gunboat, Lieut. Commander, M.L. Bridger, Swatow 27th September.

Sept. 29, *Welle*, German steamer, 393, Massmann, Hoihow 28th Sept., General.—Meyer & Co.

Sept. 30, *Bellerophon*, British steamer, 1,396, F. W. Freeman, Foochow 28th Sept., Tea.—Butterfield and Swire.

Sept. 30, *Hungarian*, British steamer, 939, H. J. J. Wise, Australia, Java ports and Batavia 21st Sept., General.—Geo. R. Stevens & Co.

Sept. 30, *Mary Tulan*, British str., 1,033, John Gourby, New port, England, 6th August, Railway-iron.—Jarline, Matheson & Co.

Sept. 30, *Carnarvonshire*, British str., 1,530, W. Patrick, Foochow 28th Sept., General.—Adamson, Bell & Co.

Sept. 30, *Yangtze*, British steamer, 782, Schultz, Canton 29th Sept., General.—Siemssen & Co.

Sept. 30, *Danube*, British steamer, 561, A. Clanchy, Bangkok 21st Sept., General.—Yuen Fat Hong.

## DEPARTURES.

Sept. 29, *Miramar*, British steamer, for Swatow.

Sept. 29, *Brisbane*, British steamer, for Port Darwin, &c.

Sept. 29, *Meath*, British steamer, for Foochow, &c.

Sept. 30, *Kang-chi*, Chinese steamer, for Hoihow and Haiphong.

Sept. 30, *China*, German steamer, for Swatow.

Sept. 30, *Allentower*, British steamer, for Shanghai.

Sept. 30, *Thoon Kramon*, Siam bark, for Bangkok.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVED.

Per *Danube*, British steamer, from Bangkok, 40 Chinese.

Per *Welle*, German steamer, from Hoihow, 15 Chinese.

Per *Hungarian*, British steamer, from Australia, &c., Mr. Loye, C.E., and 90 Chinese.

Per *Bellerophon*, British steamer, from Foochow, Capt. Williams, Mrs. Ballistes, Messrs. England and Fordham and 34 Chinese.

## DEPARTED.

Per *Brisbane*, British steamer, for Port Darwin, 10 Europeans and 20 Chinese.

Per *Meath*, British steamer, for Foochow, 3 Europeans.

Per *Miramar*, British steamer, for Swatow, 1 European.

Per *China*, German steamer, for Swatow, 1 European.

Per *Kang-chi*, Chinese steamer, for Hoihow, 2 Europeans and 100 Chinese.

## TO DEPART.

Per *Thoon Kramon*, Siam bark, for Bangkok, 4 Europeans.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Carnarvonshire*, from Foochow, reports fine weather throughout, with fresh N.E. winds.

The British steamer *Bellerophon*, reports left Foochow Sept. 23th, and arrived at Hongkong at 3 a.m. on the 30th inst., had fresh monsoon and fine weather.

The British steamer *Hungarian*, from Australia, &c., reports variable weather and strong N.E. breeze from 16° N. to port.

The British steamer *Danube*, reports left Bangkok on Sept. 21st, had light winds and fine weather to 15° N.; from thence to port had hard N.E. gale and heavy sea.

## Hongkong Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Register, Queen's-road).

HONGKONG, 29th & 30th Sept. 1881.

BAROMETER—1 P.M. .... 30.034

Do. 4 P.M. .... 30.020

THERMOMETER—1 P.M. .... 82.

Do. 4 P.M. .... 81.

Do. 1 P.M. (Wet bulb) 75.

Do. 4 P.M. Do. 76.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. .... 30.096

THERMOMETER—9 A.M. .... 79.

Do. 9 A.M. (Wet bulb) 77.

Do. Maximum .... 82.

Do. Minimum (over night) 78.

We hear that a most successful launch took place yesterday the 23rd instant, from the shipyard of the Kingman Arsenal. The dispatch steamer *Pluto* was well-known to many of our readers, especially those who took an active part in the "ever victorious Army." It was decided last year by the Chinese authorities that the *Pluto* had become so far deteriorated that it was necessary to replace her by a new ship; hence the vessel, which was launched yesterday may now be termed the new *Pluto*. Mr. Rennie, Naval Architect to the Arsenal, designed and has superintended the building of the vessel, the length of which is about 160 feet; breadth 25½ feet; depth, 13 feet. When launched she draws about 5 feet; but when engines and all fitting are completed it is calculated that she will draw 9 feet. She is built with quarter deck aft, and has a powerful and prominent ram stem. The hull of the new *Pluto* is built of wrought iron throughout, even to the masts. The engines and boilers which were designed and constructed under the immediate supervision of Mr. J. M. Allan superintendent engineer to the Arsenal, are compound high and low pressure, and will give about 800 indicated horsepower. The *Pluto* is now alongside the large screw-legs, and her boilers will be placed at once, and it is fully expected that in about four months she will be ready for her trial trip, when she will have on deck four powerful guns of the most modern type, four Gatlings, and a full stand of arms. The launch took place in presence of several thousand spectators, including the principal authorities of the Arsenal and many distinguished Chinese gentlemen. The signal for the launch was given at 1 p.m., and in less than two minutes the noble little craft was floating on the water. Chinese customs do not include our home practice of breaking a bottle of wine over the bow, in naming the ship. But at 2 p.m. a large party sat down to enjoy the good things of this life, when all present expressed their wish, that the career of the new craft might be a prosperous one. When the trial trip does take place we shall give further particulars. —*Courier*.

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